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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST REPORTING OF WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS ON  
PALESTINIANS

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1. USYG URQUHART TELEPHONED AMB. BENNETT JANUARY 10 TO SAY THAT THIS MORNING'S WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE QUOTING WALDHEIM AS HAVING EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SC "SHOULD" ADOPT A RESOLUTION FORMALLY GRANTING POLITICAL RECOGNITION TO THE PALESTINIANS WAS "TOTALLY INACCURATE." TELTSCH ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES WAS THE ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF WHAT SYG HAD SAID TO REPORTERS AFTER HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, I.E. THAT THERE WAS A DISPOSITION AMONG UN MEMBERS TO RECOGNIZE POLITICAL STATUS OF PALESTINIANS. URQUHART STRESSED THAT WALDHEIM HAD SAID NOTHING WHATSOEVER ABOUT THE PLO.

2. AT 5:30 P.M. JANUARY 9, AFTER VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL NEW YORK POST STORY BY MIKE BERLIN HAD HIT THE STREETS, UN PRESS OFFICE MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OVER LOUDSPEAKER, WHICH WILL BE REPEATED AT REGULAR OPI  
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BRIEFING JANUARY 12: "THE UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN

SAID THAT THAT IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON WHAT THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL HAD SAID AFTER HIS PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING  
THE PALESTINIANS: "THERE IS A NOTICEABLE TREND AMONG  
MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE THE  
POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND I WOULD  
EXPECT THAT THIS ASPECT WOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT  
OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.' "

3. BERLIN TELLS US THAT IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN HIM AND SYG, WALDHEIM THREE TIMES STATED THAT  
COUNCIL SHOULD RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL STATUS.  
ON THE OTHER HAND TELTSCH AND AP CORRESPONDENT OATIS  
SAY THEY HEARD NOTHING OF THE KIND DURING THE  
INFORMAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE.  
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